

THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN H. SETTLE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

COMMANDER EMILY SHILLING; *et al.*,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as  
President of the United States; *et al.*,

*Defendants.*

No. 2:25-cv-00241 BHS

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION  
OF MATTHEW P. GORDON IN  
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS'  
SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF IN  
SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, Matthew P. Gordon, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm Perkins Coie LLP and counsel for Plaintiffs in the above-captioned matter. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge about which I am competent to testify.

2. I submit this declaration to provide the Court true and correct copies of certain supplemental documents submitted in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction.

3. Attached as **Exhibit 25** is a true and correct copy the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Memorandum for Senior Pentagon Leadership Commanders of the Combatant Commands Defense Agency and DOD Field Activity Directors, with the subject "Additional Guidance on Prioritizing Military Excellence and Readiness," dated February 26, 2025, and retrieved from the Defense.gov at:

1 [https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Spotlight/2025/Guidance\\_For\\_Federal\\_Policies/Prioritizing\\_](https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Spotlight/2025/Guidance_For_Federal_Policies/Prioritizing_Military_Excellence_and_Readiness_P&R_Guidance.pdf)  
2 [Military\\_Excellence\\_and\\_Readiness\\_P&R\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Spotlight/2025/Guidance_For_Federal_Policies/Prioritizing_Military_Excellence_and_Readiness_P&R_Guidance.pdf).

3 4. Attached as **Exhibit 26** is a true and correct screenshot of a social media post by  
4 DOD Rapid Response retrieved from X.com at:  
5 <https://x.com/DODResponse/status/1895158972060971169>.

6 EXECUTED this 4th day of March, 2025, at Seattle, Washington.

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